(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for the proper treatment of cancer patients and also for eradicating oral cancer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) According to the five urban population based Cancer Registries (Mumbai, Bangalore, Madras, Delhi and Bhopal), functioning under National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research for the last one decade, oral cancers have been more or less stable, except for men at Madras where it has shown a slight increase. Tobacco use in the major cause of Oral Cancer in the entire country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken by the Government for treatment of cancer patients and eradication of oral cancer:

(i) Radiotherapy Surgery and Chemotherapy are the major modalities for treatment of cancer including Oral Cancers. There are 214 Radiotherapy units in the Country for Treatment of Cancer.

(ii) As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply & Distribution) Act, 1975, it is mandatory to display health warning on all cartoons/ packets of Cigarettes.

(iii) Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, a warning 'Chewing of Tobacco is injurious to Health' is mandatory on chewing Tobacco Products.

(iv) Direct advertisement relating to Tobacco or Tobacco Products are prohibited on Doordarshan and All India Radio.

(v) The Government has advised the State Governments to discourage the consumption of products containing chewing Tobacco including Gutka. They have also been advised to ensure that Tobacco Products are not sold around Educational Institutions such as School, Colleges.

(vi) Under the National Cancer Control Programme, emphasis is being given on awareness and early detection Cancer.

Disease Surveillance Programme (DSP) in Gujarat

1881. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Disease Surveillance Programme (DSP) has been started in some parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DSP is to be extended throughout the State; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Disease Surveillance Programme had been started in District Mehsana of Gujarat, and has been extended to the Districts of Banaskantha and Surat.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to extend DSP to all the Districts of the State of Gujarat.

Pre-Medical Test for admissions in Maharashtra

1882. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since a Pre-Medical Test has been suddenly declared in Maharashtra for medical admissions, the students who had prepared so hard for the 12th examination are now put to great difficulties;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Government have no expertise in conducting examinations and therefore the PMT is likely to be a great farce; and

(c) what would Central Government do to surmount this problem?